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Dear sir,

This communication contains :

- 1 - A copy of the description of my invention, with insertion of the titles required : BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION, etc.

The description is unchanged otherwise, except for the suppression of three words (indicated by enclosing them in parentheses) and the replacement of one word by another. (These changes are on page 2, line 22; page 3, line 22; and page 8, line 34).

- 2 - New set of reformulated claims following your suggested replacing my claims 1 to 10 by new claims 11 to 21. They have been reworded to eliminate needless narrative and operational description. I thank you for your guidance concerning the way in which applications to the U.S. patent office should be formulated.

I gratefully agree to submit the reformulated claims 11 to 21, but suggest the following minor modifications :

1) Two insertions in claim 11: ... "at the free end of the connecting arm, where the rotation of the handle causes self-wedging of the lid under the plate as the flexible ribbon tightens around the container below the lid at the level of the necking, just below its screw threads."

2) I withdraw proposed claim 13: 13 (withdrawn)
The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the flexible ribbon is made of reinforced rubber.

3) One insertion in claim 21 : 21 (new) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a stop to prevent excessive return rotation of the handle ...

Thanks in advance for your consideration of these modifications,

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Sebileau

